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Pictured above (from left to right) is: Scottie Mitchell, Westville Chief of Police; Chad Smith, Stilwell Chief of Police; Stilwell Principals: Mark Lea and Dale Girdner; Kiwanis Member Josh Sam, Councilman Shawn Crittenden, Kiwanis Member Liz Brown, and Kyle Curry, the instructor, who is with Washington County Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

## Tourniquets Provided to All Adair County Law Enforcement Officers, Each School Site

Stilwell Kiwanis and Cherokee Nation Council Members Shawn Crittenden and Canaan Duncan partnered to provide tourniquets to all law enforcement officers in Adair County and each school site.

Kyle Curry of the Fayetteville Fire Department taught a "Stop the Bleed" class for law enforcement and school officials on August 3rd at the Stilwell Police Department.

## Feature Story...

### Business Buzz: The Entrepreneur Spirit, Part 2 in an Ongoing Series...

By John Bankel

America was built by those who had the "entrepreneur spirit." They were risk takers, innovators, servants of the people. They came in all shapes and sizes, male and female, all ethnic groups. The America we still see today is the legacy they left behind. This spirit still pervades the fabric of our society. In Adair County we have many of those folks.

Today we will meet 2 of them. Charles and Tarra Boecher, of Zion Oaks Farm. Married about 4 years ago, these hard workers ventured into the beef cattle industry. The kind of beef they decided to raise was a product of many hours of research by Charles. He told this writer that his interest in raising livestock stems from his upbringing in New Orleans, a city which is well-known for its culinary delights. And Charles, first and foremost, loves to eat, mostly to sustain his rather imposing powerful physique. He also learned to cook for the very same reason.

After finishing his military career, he came back in search of what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. It was when he met Tarra that his ambition coalesced into raising American Wagyu beef cattle. Tarra comes from a farming background so the two of them getting together was a, pardon the cliche, a "natural fit."

The reader may be wondering what is "American Wagyu?" There is a pedigreed Japanese breed of cattle known as "Wagyu" and its meat is highly prized in Japan for its flavor, marbling, and tenderness. For those reasons it is not only highly prized but also

highly priced.

What Zion Oaks produces is "American Wagyu" because of the breeding of a conventional breed cow with a pedigreed Wagyu bull. The product is a very nicely marbled, flavorful and tender meat that distinguishes itself from the run-of-the-mill beef found on grocers' shelves.

As of this writing, the Boechers developed a herd that, when the

time comes to bring it to market, will fetch a very handsome return on their investment of time, hard work and money. But that is what the "entrepreneur spirit" is all about! Look for the Zion Oaks Brand at the CoOp in Fayetteville coming soon.

"Bon appetit" as they say in the French Quarter of New Orleans. (Copyright 2021. All rights reserved.)

## Friends of the Library Summer Yard Sale to be Held Aug. 12-14

The Friends of the Library will be having their Summer Yard Sale Fundraiser beginning Thursday, August 12th and going through Saturday, August 14th. On Thursday and Friday the sale will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The location will be at the Stilwell Public Library—in the Community Room.

We ask that masks be worn for the safety of all other shoppers as well as yourself.

If you would like to donate items for the sale, you may do so from Monday the 9th to Thursday the 11th and items can be left in the

Community Room at the library during library business hours.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for anything that the library needs help with. Monetary donations are always welcome as well by calling 918-575-9518.

Please take advantage of this beautiful library that we are fortunate to have in Stilwell. They have many services to offer the community, besides checking out books to read. They have a wonderful selection of kids books in the children's wing, so visit the library and enjoy!

See you at the yard sale!

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### PROVERB POWER

"Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all sins"

— Proverbs 10:12 (KJV)



Zion School, Home of the Jets.



Pictured, at left: Jett Starr is all smiles as he starts his first day of Preschool at Zion School.

Pictured above: Jett's friends, from left to right, Natalie Brown, Adaya Dieffenbach and Eden Dieffenbach.

## All Roads Lead from Home to School and Back

By Donna Boecher

Zion School opened on August 4, 2021. Was it a good day? One 4<sup>th</sup> generation attendee named Jett Starr answered, "I liked it." Mom couldn't go with him, but maybe someday Jett will tell her what he saw in his teacher's face and demeanor. *Rudyard Kipling understood what Jett saw*, "No printed word, nor spoken plea can teach young minds what they should be. Not all the books on all the shelves but that the teachers are themselves." Jett liked what he saw

in his teacher. God knows Jett's full potential. He has sent him a world-wide community of teachers: mom, dad, grandpa, grandma . . . and the list goes on. Of course, all Jett's school chums – **whether at Zion or elsewhere** – are also going "home to school and back." Let Jett and his friends see you as you are; a believer, a loving and caring person, and someone who is expressing God's authority to bless and heal (physically, emotionally, and spiritually) others. (Mark 12:30-31)

## Stilwell Indians Sports Spotlight

By John Bankel

The new football season is just around the corner with the Indians opening at home on September 3, versus Rogers High School. Kick off is 7 pm.

The 2021 version of Stilwell High School football will have to work hard to bounce back from a very disappointing 2020 season in which the Indians failed to win a game during head coach Don Harrison's first year. This writer has not had a chance to talk with Coach Harrison about what the fans can expect from this year's team.

The next issue of Stilwell Indians Sports Spotlight may tell that tale. Additionally, a season schedule will be provided.

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• 4th Annual Youth Gathering Awakening, August 14, 5-11 p.m., Downtown Stilwell.

• Watts Community Event: Shop With A Cop, Friday, August 14, 6:00 p.m., Watts Community Center. Spaghetti dinner—\$6 donation, 12 & up/\$3 donation, Under 12. Sponsored by Westville Masonic Lodge #549.

• Town Pep Rally, August 17, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Stilwell.

• Adair County Historical & Genealogical Association Membership Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 6:00 p.m., KCS Depot (and ZOOM), Stilwell.

• Adair County Free Fair, September 2-9, Adair County Fairgrounds, Stilwell; Exhibitors may bring their entries beginning at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 for ribbon judging; Horse Show, Saturday, Sept. 4, Westville Rodeo Arena, 9:00 a.m.

# Meet the Teacher: Brandy Girdner, 1st Year Science Teacher

By Donna Boecher

I stepped into the Stilwell Middle School. There is a maze of buildings, where once there was an eight-room schoolhouse. I came to interview Brandy Girdner, a first year Science Teacher, although supporting teachers for several years. Observing "meet the teacher" day (August 10<sup>th</sup>) in her classroom, I was curious to see how many parents cared enough to meet the teacher face-to-face with their child beside them. I was blessed to see many loving parents investing time and energy letting her know

they cared--this observation was during the first hour of four.

Brandy has spent years getting her teaching credentials. In these final days, she and her family have spent hours covering dirty-beige paint with vibrant colored walls--lime, turquoise, canary yellow, and magenta. She, like many other teachers, is putting her best foot forward to welcome her students into the perfect learning environment. She plans for more painting, but she has done enough to keep a classroom of "future scientists" enthusiastic



Brandy Girdner

and alert. There are even messages of encouragement and blinking ropes lights around large white boards for use in carrying out science problems. Her room is magnificent.

What would my mother think of this Middle School Building? It

wasn't there, just vacant land. In 1930, she was finishing her senior year at Stilwell High School which is now the Stilwell Elementary School. She was carpooling with neighbors near Coon Mountain to drive the five miles into town. But she would have felt blessed because there were enough families and a vehicle to drive students from Horn Community to the high school. She could have taught school with a Class C License upon graduation, but due to the depression, she went to work in Tulsa. However, she kept her goals high and ensured her children went to college. Even in her 90s, she encouraged every youngster she met to "learn more and make a difference." Remember, every one of us is a teacher.



Dear John,

I'm a health care worker. While many people stayed home, I went to work. I loved my job. Now I'm burned out and at my age retirement is not that far away. I'm sad for the elderly who will be needing help in the future, including myself and those I love. Prior to COVID many changes to our health care system in 2012 took benefits from the elderly. Not only have the disabled geriatric population had to deal with loss of benefits, they are not respected by the new bubble wrap generation. I hire people to work, they have diploma's from high school, but they can't read. This is not true about all the young people, but a vast majority of them have serious deficits in their education. Most of them but certainly not all of them are not nice to our patients. I know education begins at home, but what has happened to our homes and our education system? I'm not saying it's all the teachers fault because they did come from families. What are your thoughts John?

Worried in Colorado

Dear Worried, your concerns are real, not imagined. Many feel that our public education system has gone downhill and is failing our young people when it comes to fundamental learning, i.e., reading, writing and math. The system we are dealing with has become largely political and educating our young suffers in the process. Who's fault is it? Perhaps the blame lies with the parents who have mostly sat silently by as the education of our youth continues to falter. As for your situation, I do not have any pat answers. We did not arrive at our tragic educational state of affairs overnight. The only thing you can do is remain steadfast in your knowledge and experience and shine a light wherever and whenever you can. In the long run, your influence will pay dividends to the young people with whom you come in contact. And thank you for your very vital service.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have you got a question for Dear John? Email: [dearjohn@writeme.com](mailto:dearjohn@writeme.com) or snailmail: Dear John, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.

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LifeView Community Church will be hosting the Summer's Over! Back-to-School Bash this Saturday, August 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church located at 310 E. Cherokee Street in Westville, OK. Come out and help us celebrate the kids going back to school. There will be a water slide, tons of games for kids and adults, free hotdogs, goodie bags and prizes! We love our community and want all the kids to know that Jesus loves them and so do we!

## THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

### WHAT'S AILING NANCY?

We humans are for the most part fallible creatures that have a bad habit of making bad decisions when we don't feel well. As I watch the news about the so-called investigation about the incident that occurred in Washington DC on January the 6<sup>th</sup> it was interesting to read the comments of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Nancy said the purpose of the investigation was, "to seek and to find the truth ... in the most patriotic and nonpartisan way, so the American people have confidence in the results." From what I am seeing she is still pursuing a never-ending vendetta against Donald Trump. I noticed that all of her appointees to the panel were people who voted to impeach President Trump over the January 6<sup>th</sup> incident. Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy picked 5 republican members to serve on the committee; immediately Pelosi rejected Reps. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Jim Banks (R-Ind.). Pelosi's reasoning included the accusation that those representatives had made "statements and actions" that would undermine "the integrity of the investigation," presumably including their votes against the creation of the committee.

Because of the rejection of those two congressmen, Kevin McCarthy withdrew all five of his picks. In response, Jordan and Banks accused Pelosi of rejecting them because she knew they would demand answers as to why the U.S. Capitol Police, which is under her control, wasn't prepared for the January 6<sup>th</sup> breach of the Capitol despite being warned days ahead of time that trouble was brewing. I wholeheartedly agree with the assessment of not wanting to answer why additional security

was not called in. In my opinion, Pelosi and her liberal crowd are wanting to move attention away from the debacle of the leadership of Biden and Harris. They know that 2022 and 2024 are fast approaching and they still have a fetish about attacking Trump. In honesty she did appoint two republicans to the commission; both of them are RINOS and are never-Trumpers. In essence Pelosi is wanting to play with a stacked deck, she does not want the American people to see both sides and the simple precautions that would have prevented the incident in the first place.

Could it be that the conservative people of this country were set up? Everyone knew before hand that there would be thousands of people at the capitol in support of President Trump, all it would take was for some small group to infiltrate and cause trouble and, with the help of the mainstream media, cast a bad light upon all conservative people. The republicans wanted the investigation to include investigating all of the riots across some of our major cities last summer; if Pelosi is so concerned about our country, why is she turning a blind eye to all of the burning, looting and murder in our major cities?

I am not a doctor or health care professional, but I can see Nancy Pelosi is ailing and is in pain with pure hatred and other issues. Maybe she should take some anger management classes to begin with and I have another suggestion that might help; with all of the crap she is trying to lay upon the American people she appears to be full of it, she might benefit from a double dose of laxative to relieve her pain.

## The Lady in the Blue Sari

Part 7

By Donna Boecher

Having seen Lydia lay down the flyer and determining to rent close by, we headed for the "Snow Cone" building. Thankfully, there was a receptionist on the main floor and the door was open. Noting she was Indian, I quickly gestured and spoke "Namaste." Alex had already picked up one of the flyers, so we exited. Waving for a taxi, the cabbie took us to the Café Du Monde in the quarter. Between the heat, and the drop in my blood sugar because of this new information, we both needed chai and beignets. Alex was still enthralled with beignets, saying they were the "best sweetened fry bread" he'd ever eaten.

We were astounded by what Lydia voiced in the flyer! She was looking for Amy Marie; she had a legacy for her son, Alex Maloy. If anyone had information, they were to give it to Father Luke at the St. Louis Cathedral. Sipping my chai,

I became calm.

"Alex, do you know who this person is?"

"Yes, I do."

"Well, out with it!" (I controlled the exasperation in my voice.)

"She's looking for my mother?"

"I guess I'm not the best investigator after all. Maybe I should have asked your mother's name. While I'm at it, did your mother ever live in New Orleans? Were they friends? What other connections did they have?" Having gushed these questions out, I took a deep breath and waited for the answers.

Always there were MORE questions. What was the legacy? Why the secrecy? Why the gold necklace with the pendant of a leaf topped with a Christian cross? I would have to drag these out of Alex. These questions could wait for the moment. We needed to get Alex a rental near her ASAP. God would give us strength.



## Mullin It Over: Thank a Teacher as Kids Go Back to School

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

August is here, which means summer is coming to an end. In our family, like many other families, there is a mix of sadness that summer vacation is almost over and anticipation for the new school year to begin. As our kids start school again, I want to recognize Oklahoma's teachers and what they do for all of us.

Primary education provides the foundation a child needs to be successful for the rest of their life. It could be argued the most important duty we have in our communities is to educate the next generation and we entrust our teachers to fulfill that duty. Most parents understand that it takes a village to raise a child, and teachers play a vital role in that village.

The pandemic created unprecedented disruption to our education system and our children's lives over the past year and a half. As the father of six kids, all attending

public school in Oklahoma, I saw firsthand the challenges my kids' schools faced and the difficulty of remote learning when the Internet wasn't always available. Teachers went to incredible lengths to help students keep learning, whether remote or in the classroom. They set an example of how to thrive in adversity. Our children are lucky to have resilient role models to look up to.

We all have teachers that have made a lasting impact on our lives, and I know I would not be where I am today without some of the incredible teachers I had. As our kids head back to school, be sure to thank a teacher in our community for all they do to help shape the young minds of the future.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting [Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup](http://Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup).

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PROVERBS 29:2--"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

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# Obituaries

## Billy Dewayne Runabout

December 16, 1965 – August 1, 2021

Billy Dewayne Runabout was born to Waltus Whitmire and Charlotte Runabout on December 16, 1965 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and departed this life on Sunday, August 1, 2021 in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

He loved being with his family. He had many hobbies, including hunting, fishing and woodwork. But most of all, he loved his kids. They were his life. Billy would be outside playing basketball with the kids or going swimming with them in the creek. He was always there for them.

Billy leaves behind a loving family that includes his parents, brother: Richard Thomas and wife Pamela, sisters: Alena Gregory, Suzan Duncan, his sons: Josh Bunch, Ethan Runabout, Christian Runabout, daughters: Jocelyn and Sharika Runabout. He also leaves behind a host of other family and friends, too numerous to name.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Five 0 and Gary Flynn officiating. Interment followed at Clear Springs Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



## Darlene Delores Johnson

November 30, 1946 – August 3, 2021

Darlene Delores Johnson was born on November 30, 1946, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Robert and Mary Evelyn Kimble. She was raised in Fort Worth, Texas with two brothers and one sister.

In 1964, she finished her last few months of high school at Cave Springs in Bunch, Oklahoma, where she met and married the love of her life. They moved to the Zion community in 1975 where they made their home and raised two children. Darlene worked a few jobs before becoming the purchasing director for Stilwell Memorial Hospital where she retired after 37 years.

Through the years, Darlene became a caretaker to many. If someone was in need because of illness, she was there cooking, cleaning, and organizing. Her husband gave her the nickname Mrs. Spic and Span because she would wash his glass if he set it down. She was also an avid Oklahoma Sooners fan. She would be mad at them and yell at the T.V. for missing plays sometimes, but no one else better say anything bad about them. When she finally got to go to a live game the security had to ask her to leave because the game was over, and she was still in the stadium taking pictures.

Most of all, Darlene loved spending time with her grandbabies and great-grandbabies. She put in a swimming pool so all her grandkids would learn to swim. She loved to spend time with them and tried to spoil them as much as she could. She always worried about them not having enough gas money and would always discreetly slip them some cash.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Robert Kimble and Mary Evelyn Copeland and her brothers: Butch and Dale Kimble.

Darlene is survived by a loving family which includes her husband: Georgie Mack Johnson of Stilwell, Oklahoma, and their children: Johnny Johnson and wife Kayla of Stilwell, Oklahoma, and Kim Doyle and husband Kevin of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Her sister: Mary Cook and husband Terry of Texas. Her grandchildren: Jessica Newman and husband Charlie, Heath Eubanks and wife Kara, Hanna Johnson, Mackenzie Shafer and husband Josh, Jenn Doyle, Kimberly Copeland and husband Chris, Brandon Doyle, and Katie Doyle; her great-grandchildren: Tyce Eubanks, Wyatt Shafer, Darcy Newman, Kolter Eubanks, Oliver Copeland, and Addie Shafer. As well as a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Darlene will forever be remembered for her dimpled smile and the love she shared with us all.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Terry Mays officiating. Interment followed at Bunch Cemetery, Bunch, Oklahoma.

## Gary Wayne Guthrie

May 27, 1948 – July 31, 2021

Gary Wayne Guthrie was born on May 27, 1948 to Lenora Sanders Guthrie in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 31, 2021 at the age of 73.

Gary went to Seneca Indian Boarding School, Sequoyah High School and graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in 1968. On January 1969, he enlisted to the United States Army with a rank SP4. Gary met Dianne S. Alford in August 1996 and they married on September 8, 2005. He enjoyed being with his fur babies, Bebe and Sammy, and watching OU Football.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Lenora Sanders Guthrie; sister, Therma Rider; aunts and uncles from Sanders Flats and granddaughter, Autumn Proctor.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne Guthrie of the home; brothers, Robert Bunch of Stilwell and Darrell Guthrie of Claremore; his children, Roman Guthrie (Kelly), Jeremy Guthrie, Garen LeRoy (Justin), Patty Ging; Juanita Smith (Michael), Adam Proctor (Pennah), Wesley Proctor; grandchildren, Tycilla (Jerrad), Zachary, Brendon, Robert, Alysa, Maggi, Christian, Ethan, Noah, Makalynn, Jeremiah, Justin II, Landon, Kaylei and Kimberlyn; eleven great-grandchildren; special friend, Ronnie (Mac) McIntosh and numerous other family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Pastor Clifford Springwater and Pastor Donnie Sanders officiating. A committal service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021 at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, OK.



## Josephine Polina-Dickinson

May 20, 1947 – August 3, 2021

Josephine Polina-Dickinson was born on May 20, 1947, in Sinton, Texas to Vicenta R. Polina and Joe C. Polina and departed this life on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 2:03 p.m. in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She leaves behind one daughter: Pamela Sue Dickinson of Westville, Oklahoma; one son: Joey Lee Dickinson and wife Bethany of Westville, Oklahoma; two granddaughters: Aubrey Page Dickinson and Kallie Nicole Dickinson; four grandsons: Braden Maddox Hicks-Dickinson, Aiden, Corben, and Blake Dickinson.

Josephine is survived by three sisters: Anastasia (Annabell) Reineer of Muscatine, Iowa, Anna Marie (Mary) Polina of Springdale, Arkansas, Helen P. Thomas of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; three brothers: Eli Polina of Westville, Oklahoma, Alberto Polina of Davenport, Iowa, and Joe Polina, Jr. of Long Beach, California. As well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother: Vicenta; father: Joe Polina, Sr.; three sisters: Victoria Polina, Anita P. Peden, and Lydia P. Soap.

Josie was a very loving and caring woman with a heart of gold. She was always warm and welcoming with a big smile. If you ever went to her house, she always made sure you were fed; she had a passion for cooking. Her heart was the happiest when she was able to give, blessing friends, family, and the community with her hot tamales.

She was an exceptional mother, not only to her two children, but took others under her wings too. Treating them as her very own. Many nieces and nephews looked up to her as a role model. She loved the Lord, loved to sing, and attend church. Visiting with friends brought her so much happiness. At times it could be hard to catch her home, she loved going shopping with her best friend: Shirley and Helen. Other times you could catch her on her porch visiting. She loved planting flowers, watching the Golden Girls, and spending her time with her grandchildren, they brought her so much joy. She always said, "Family first, family always comes first".

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Wiley Lovejoy officiating. Interment followed at Tyler Springs Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



## Linda Marie Fourkiller

November 17, 1946 – August 2, 2021

Linda Marie Fourkiller was born on November 17, 1946, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Richard Sawney and Sarah Springwater and departed this life on August 2, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 16 days.

Linda was a great cook, especially her beans and fry bread. She loved playing bingo, watching baseball and football. She was a helping person and would do anything for anyone. Linda was a good and loving mom; she loved her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: Samuel Grant Fourkiller; Robert Wolfe; Jackie Lee Sawney; Sandra Hogner; and Mamie Garcia.

Linda is survived by her daughter: Cecila Fourkiller; sons: Anthony Victor of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Roger Sawney and wife Ruthie of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Brian Fourkiller and wife Charlotte of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Samuel Fourkiller of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Siblings: Cindy Wolfe; Nina Wolfe; and Wanda Wolfe. Grandchildren: Joshua Womack and wife Makesha, Jeffery Womack and wife Neena, Matthew Victor and wife Stephanie, Kenneth and Zachary Fourkiller, Sarah, Rachel and Christopher Wolfe, Felix, Penelope and Aspen Fourkiller, and Santiago Victor. Great-grandchildren: Treinity and Keirrah Womack, Jaxon and Adalynn Victor.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Michael Glass officiating. Interment followed at Fairfield Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



## Tammy Lynn Hilderbrand

September 9, 1961 – July 30, 2021

Tammy Lynn Hilderbrand 59, of Chewey, Oklahoma died July 30, 2021 at St. John's Hospital Tulsa, OK. She was born to Floyd Sands Sr. and Geraldine Blossom Sands September 9, 1961 at Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

She attended Taylor Grammar School, transferred to Westville Public School, completing her high school diploma there. She attended Immanuel Baptist Church of Jay, Oklahoma. She loved the Lord and her church family. She enjoyed walks along the river and driving back roads, cooking for her family, shopping, volunteering with the community and food pantry, but most of all she loved spending time with her grand babies. She married the love of her life, Billy Dale Hilderbrand, September 18, 1979 and had four children.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine Blossom Sands and two unnamed babies.

She is survived by her father, Floyd Sands Sr. of Chewey, OK, husband, Billy Dale Hilderbrand of Chewey, OK, two daughters, Amanda Morris & husband David of Jay, OK, Merissa Jackson & husband Darren of Dutch Mills, AR. Four grandchildren, Ashlyn, Dillon and Ny-ya Jackson of Dutch Mills, AR, Fletcher Elleck Morris of Jay, OK. Two brothers, Floyd Sands Jr. of Chewey, OK, Steven Sands of Kansas, OK, two sisters, Anna Balmain of Watts, OK, Sharon Sands of Kansas, OK and a host of nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Her final resting place is present with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Body to be laid at Sands Cemetery, Chewey, OK. Pallbearers: David Morris, Darren Jackson, Floyd Sands Jr., Steven Sands, Ethan Sands and Tall Sands.

Roberts & Hart Funeral Home – Westville, OK.



**Erik Hancock**, former resident of Stilwell, OK, passed on 07/29/2021. Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021 at the First Baptist Church, Stilwell, OK. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

**Robert McCool**, Stilwell Resident, passed on 08/07/2021. Services are pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

**Richard Holiman**, former resident of Stilwell, OK, passed on 08/07/2021. Services are pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

**Tex Duck**, resident of Stilwell, OK, passed on 08/08/2021. Services are pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

**Osie Castro**, resident of Stilwell, OK, passed on 08/05/2021. Services to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver.

**Melanie Prtichett**, resident of Stilwell, OK, passed on 08/03/2021. Services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel.

## ATTN: Adair County

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## Saved by Grace

By George S. Roberts

Last week we covered the rich man and Lazarus and we saw how the rich man saw his ultimate fate after death, and even felt it, in Luke 16:19-31. This week I want to share a link to a man I have come to know and his right division of scriptures, Pastor David Reid. He has many youtube videos which can be watched with total clarity and backed up by scriptures. The link this week is, "Do Old Testament saints go to Heaven?". This link may be put in the Google search bar of the internet to open it. I have tested it and it will work. The link is [https://youtu.be/bAOGvh\\_3vUE](https://youtu.be/bAOGvh_3vUE) and on the side bar are many of his youtube teachings, which I believe will bless you. In a court of law evidence is given to support a case either for or against a person. We need teachers to help us see God's word rightly divided. So, we clearly understand what he (God) is doing. A teacher of God's word is sort of like a lawyer doing the best to convey the evidence or information clearly to understand. Just a note— between the h and 3 is an underscore \_.

### THE GOSPEL THAT SAVES

"I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved ... how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-4 (KJB)

Blessings to all.

# Puzzle Page

## KRYPTO KONTEST: WEEK 4

This week's Krypto is a repeat of Week 3, since no one submitted a korrekt krypto. So, if you did not get a chance to work on that one, here it is again:

The answer is 13...you are playing with 12, 4, 17, 9, 3...remember, you must use all 5 numbers, but each one only once, with any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to write an expression that equals 13.

Send your result to: **Krypto**

Kontest POB 885 Stilwell, OK 74960.

The Kontest ends at the end of September and whoever has the most Kryptos wins a calculator and a \$25 gift certificate from a local merchant.

P.S. A winning entry for Week 2 was submitted by David W., who is now tied for the lead with Kevin H., 1 Krypto apiece... The Kontest is heating up folks.

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### What's So Punny?

#### 3 TIMES THE PUN FUN

1. Two antennas got married last Saturday. Their reception was fantastic.

2. Writing with a dull pencil is pointless.

3. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery. Next week, more Pun to come.

To OUR readers: If you have a funny pun, please send it in by email: [straightforwardpress21@gmail.com](mailto:straightforwardpress21@gmail.com) or to Straight Forward FREE Press, P.O. Box 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.

**Recipe:**  
**Coming in the Fall:**  
**Orange Slice Cake Recipe**  
Start looking for **ORANGE SLICES!**  
I baked the taste and aroma of a mother's love with this cake.  
Took it to share at church and got a hug.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

### Today the Trail Treks to: DUMB DOWN DONE

As a former (and now retired) public high school math teacher I spent 20 years in the classroom, the first 11 of which were in the decade of the 70's and the rest in the late 90's early 2000's. I remember returning to the classroom after an 18 year hiatus and painfully experiencing the change that had taken place in the attitudes of the students and the teachers and the administration compared to when

I had left teaching in 1980.

I left the second time in 2004. I could take no more. The dumbing down of our students was mindnumbing. The level of expectation had sunk to a low with which I could not go along. "What in the world had happened," I found myself often wondering. And "How bad can it get?"

Just the other day, I saw a news report about the governor

of Oregon signing a bill into law—hold on to your sweet potato—that a student no longer has to prove that he/she can read, write, or do math in order to receive a high school diploma. Is this the ultimate "dumbdown"? Besides being astounded at reading this, my naturally inquisitive mind wondered what is really going on here? Here is what I concluded. The education system in Oregon has gotten so bad that it dares not test the students for proficiency, lest the system garners hard evidence of the system's abysmal failure to teach! DUMB DOWN DONE!

The Trail has come to an end for today...hope your Trail goes well around the bend...until we meet again...

Send comments to: John Bankel [writewright@journalist.com](mailto:writewright@journalist.com)

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### The Blessings Closet to Hold Free Yard Sale

The Blessings Closet is hosting a FREE Yard Sale this Saturday, August 14, beginning at 9:00

a.m., in the field next to Westville Laundry Mat. There will be something for everyone.

### Back-To-School Bash Set for Aug. 14

The Mid-County Community Organization and Baron Baptist Church are coming together for a Back-To-School Bash to be held on Saturday, August 14, from 5:00 p.m. to dark.

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Community Organization will also have school supplies to give out, as well as a horse shoe tournament, corn hole tournament, and volleyball. Then at dark there will be fireworks by the Smith Family!

Bring your family and come have a fun evening!

There will also be vendors.

**Vocabulary**  
**WORD**  
*of*  
**the**  
**DAY**

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